

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) A method of displaying content recommendations to a user, the method comprising:

providing, in response to the detection of a channel change event, a content recommendation; and

allowing a user to selectively view the recommended content or content associated with a newly selected channel.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the content recommendation is provided using one or more of a rating engine, recommendation engine and profile engine.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the content recommendation comprises:

generating at least one recommendation of local or remote content.

24. (currently amended) A method of providing a user perceptible indicator of available content to a user, the method comprising:

monitoring content viewed by a plurality of users, wherein the plurality of users is selected by the user;

based on the content viewed by the plurality of users, generating the user perceptible indicator of at least a portion of the viewed content, wherein the generating occurs at a change in system state; and

allowing the user to interact with the user perceptible indicator.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the monitoring comprises:

detecting content viewed by a subset of the plurality of users.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a client device.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a television viewing system or set top box associated with the user.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the change in system state comprises a channel change event.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the interacting further comprises:

responding to signals generated by a user-operated remote control device.

30. (currently amended) A system for displaying content recommendations to a viewer, the system comprising:

means for detecting when a viewer changes channels;

means for providing a content recommendation responsive to a detection of a channel change event; and

means for allowing the viewer to select the recommended content or content associated with a newly selected channel.

31. (currently amended) A system for providing a user perceptible indicator of available content, the system comprising:

means for receiving at least one recommendation of available content, wherein the at least one recommendation of available content is based on content viewed by a plurality of viewers, wherein the plurality of viewers is selected by a user;

means for generating a perceptible indicator of the recommended content in response to a change in system state; and

means for allowing the user to interact with the user perceptible indicator.

32. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a client device.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises activation of a television viewing system or set top box associated with the user.

34. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the change in system state comprises a channel change event.